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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department – Prisons - Writ Petition (Civil) No. 406/2013 titled Re:Inhuman conditions prevailing in 1382 prisons in India before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India - Constitution of District Level Committees to assess the requirement of expanding the existing jails and acquiring the land to set up new jails within the District, depending on the current capacity and future demands of the District - Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.25 Dated: 23-02-2024

Read the following:-

1. Record of Proceedings dated 30-01-2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 406/2013 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi received through the Chief Secretary's Office, Andhra Pradesh vide Lr. No.34/OSD-CS/2024, dt. 09-02-2024.
2. From the Director General of Prisons & CS, A.P., Mangalagiri Letter No. W2/12/2024, dated: 20-02-2024.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Hon'ble Supreme court of India vide record of proceedings, dated 30.01.2024 in WP No.406/2013, it was directed to examine the requirement of expanding the existing jails and acquiring the land to set up new jails within the District, depending on the current capacity and future demands of the District and come with firm proposals, duly setting up a committee comprising of (i) Principal/District Judge (Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority), (ii) District Magistrate (Incharge Administrative Head of the District on executive side), (iii) Senior Superintendent/ Superintendent of Police, (iv) Secretary of District Legal Services Authority and (v) Superintendent of the Jail/District Sub Jails Officer of concerned District and the Committee shall be notified by the State Government/Union Territories within one week from the receipt of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority shall be the convener of the Committee. The Committees shall convene the first meeting within two weeks from the date of their constitution.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri has submitted proposals to constitute District Level Committee in each District for complying the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

3. Government after careful examination of the mater hereby constitute District Level Committee with the following members:

District Committee for each District:

1	Principal/District Judge(Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority)	Chairman
2	District Magistrate(In charge Administrative Head of the District of the District on executive side)	Member
3	Senior Superintendent/Superintendent of Police	Member
4	Secretary of District Legal Services Authority and	Convenor
5	Superintendent of the Jail/District Sub Jails Officer of the concerned District	Member

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4. The above Committee will assess the requirement of expanding the existing jails and acquiring the land to set up new jails within the District, depending on the current capacity and future demands of the District. The committee will also take an update on the status of all the ongoing projects/proposals that are pending in the Districts and ensure that milestones are set down for completing the ongoing projects. Wherever a project has yet to take off for want of land, steps to be taken to identify the land for the purpose of acquisition and the report be tabled before the Chief Secretary of the State Government for obtaining the necessary approval and fast tracking the process. The committees are permitted to examine the needs of the respective Districts and make proposals over and above of those that have been laid down the Model Prison Manual. However, the minimum requirements prescribed under the said Manual shall not be compromised. Future projections shall span over in a period of (50) years for implementation.

5. Besides the above, the committees shall also keep in mind the requirement of incorporating Artificial Intelligence and introducing Video Conferencing for conducting Mulakaats and tele-medicine facilities for the ease of the inmates.

6. A copy of the Record of Proceedings dated 30-01-2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 406/2013 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi is annexed (Annexure-I) for compliance.

7. The Director General of Prisons and correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

HARISH KUMAR GUPTA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal/District Judges of all Districts.
The Secretary, State Legal Service Authority, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Nelapadu.
The Registrar General of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Nelapadu.
The Secretaries, District Legal Services Authorities of all Districts through the Secretary, State Legal Service Authority, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Nelapadu.
The Secretary to Government Legal Affairs, Law Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravati.
The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri
The District Collectors of all Districts.
The Superintendent of Police of all Districts through the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh.
The Superintendent of Jail/ District Sub Jails Officer of the concerned District through Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

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